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FM AMEMBASSY ROME

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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: USG ASSISTANCE TO US INTERNATIONAL
AIRLINES

REF: (A) STATE 200235; (B) STATE 203231

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ADVISED BY GAO FRANKFURT THAT IT PLANS TO BEGIN WORK IN ITALY ON OCTOBER 4, I.E., DURING SAME WEEK AS ARRIVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT'S INSPECTORS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH 2 FAM 139, EMBASSY WISHES TO BRING TO ATTENTION OF S/IG PROPOSED CONCURRENCE OF INSPECTION AND GAO REVIEW AND TO REQUEST ADVICE WHETHER THIS MEETS ITS APPROVAL. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION.

2. EMBASSY ALSO NOTES THAT WHEREAS PARA 3 REF A STATES THAT GAO AUDITORS PLAN TO MEET ONLY WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND US AIRLINES REPS DURING VISIT TO ITALY, LETTER FROM GAO/FRANKFURT STATES THAT "APPROPRIATENESS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS" WILL BE CONSIDERED DURING ITS VISIT. EMBASSY STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT GAO AUDITORS SHOULD NOT MEET WITH GOI (OR ALITALIA) OFFICIALS. IN VIEW OF DELICATE NATURE OF OUR BILATERAL CIVIL AIR RELATIONS AND SENSITIVITY OF ITALIAN AUTHORITIES TO WHAT THEY PERCEIVE TO BE USG UNWILLINGNESS TO RECTIFY IMBALANCE OF ADVANTAGES, CALLS BY GAO AUDITORS COULD EASILY BE MISINTERPRETED. IN ADDITION, WHILE GAO OBVIOUSLY IS A BETTER JUDGE, IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO US THAT SUCH CONTACTS WOULD BE CENTRAL TO MAIN PURPOSE OF GAO REVIEW.

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3. DESPITE ABOVE CAVEATS, EMBASSY WILL COOPERATE FULLY WITH
GAO AUDITORS. CONTROL OFFICER WILL BE A. WENDELL WHITING,
CHIEF OF ECONOMIC SECTION. BEAUDRY

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